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Response

Sir:

In response to the Official Communication dated October 5, 2008, please replace Section A (Claims) with the attached Replacement Section A.